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Dear [REDACTED]

(U) Thank you for your 24 August letter and the targeting information contained therein. As you may already know, Admiral Mustin is presently in the hospital and although he does not expect to be away very long, I am taking the liberty of answering your letter.

(S) We very much appreciate the information on Hon Gai and Cam Pha and are constantly seeking additional data to obtain a better understanding of the value of these and similar targets and to assist in justifying the nomination of these targets when appropriate. We are now close to the point where the major targets remaining in North Vietnam require extremely detailed justification for authority to attack them. Thus, information of the kind which you enclosed in your letter is extremely helpful to us and we would greatly appreciate any other data along these lines which you may be able to provide.

Sincerely,

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